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BRIEF

RE: Case 06-105

This is my written request seeking relief from billing associated with Peoples Energy (PE) account #: 6 5000 428 1143 which ties to 7358 S. Peoria, 1<sup>st</sup> FL, Chicago, IL 60621. I am asking for this relief as PE is attempting to charge me for gas service totaling \$1,366.05 which I did not utilize.

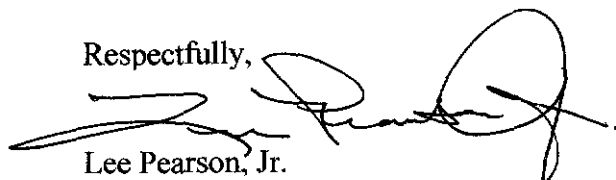
Based upon documentation received from PE, billing in question is related to service usage between 10/21/04-4/22/05. 7358 S. Peoria, 1<sup>st</sup> FL, was an unoccupied space at that time with no need for gas service. PE contends the gas usage was unauthorized. Understanding the space is a sub-set of a multi-unit building whereas gas meters are located in a common area that tenants had access to, I cannot account for any possible tampering that may have occurred to bring about usage in question. However, I do know that NO gas service was being used within 7358 S. Peoria during the timeframe they note it as being utilized. Knowing PE has a means to remotely monitor use of their gas service, I question why they did not simply terminate the "unauthorized" gas service upon it being acknowledged versus allowing it to be used over a 7-8 month period they indicate. Further, as property owner, I received no verbal or written communication from PE expressing concern with possible unauthorized use which would have allowed me to cooperate and assist where possible for quick resolve. This matter revealed itself when I contacted PE in December of 2005 to establish gas service and was denied. Shortly thereafter, I received an invoice from PE for \$1,366.05. I cannot afford to be held liable for gas service that I did not use. This is the reason I engaged the Illinois Commerce Commission to help me leverage a corporation that's trying to strong-arm me. I struggle to pay the gas bill associated with my primary residence. In my opinion, if PE knew of the "unauthorized consumption", they should have been swift to terminate and minimize their financial exposure. Their attempt to force me to pay the billing as property owner is simply unfair.

I appreciate the efforts and involvement of ICC to date. I am hopeful for a favorable decision that alleviates me from this unjust attempt by PE to collect money I do not owe them.

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Pearson, Jr.", with a large, stylized loop at the end.

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